

FRESHMEN WERE ALL SUSPENDED

Washington University Dispute Ended Suddenly.

CHANCELLOR TOOK A HAND.
QUARREL WAS FOR POSSESSION
OF VARSITY GYMNASIUM.

Sophomores Were the Freshmen's Opponents—Both Classes Held Indignation Meetings Yesterday.

Chancellor Chaplin abruptly ended the annual battle between the freshmen and sophomores of Washington University for the possession of the varsity gymnasium yesterday morning by suspending the entire body of freshmen when they refused to obey his ultimatum to cease storming the sophomores' barricade and return to their classrooms.

Yesterday afternoon both classes held indignation meetings and appointed committees to confer with the faculty with a view of having the freshmen reinstated and the annual battle allowed to continue as one of the university features. No compromise has yet been effected.

Since 1856 the freshmen and sophomores have clashed annually before the Christmas holidays. Until last year the sophomores were victorious each successive year. Last year, however, the freshmen were successful. This year an exceptionally vigorous struggle was expected. The "sophas" were urged on by a desire to repeat, the success that attended their efforts as freshmen last year, and the freshmen were spurred by a determination to keep their class in the roster of victors.

As it is, the freshmen claim a victory. A board of arbitration may be necessary to settle the matter, however, owing to the unexpected denouement occasioned by the entrance of a third party into the contest.

THE USUAL STRUGGLE.

The struggle has heretofore been decided in this way:

The sophomores would paint their numerals on one of the inside walls of the "gym" and would then fortify the "gym" to prevent the freshmen from entering.

If the freshmen succeeded in entering and obliterating the numerals before noon on the day of the battle, they were the winners. If they did not, it was the sophomores' victory.

Sticking closely to these conditions, the freshmen won a victory yesterday. For the numerals of the sophomores were not visible to the naked eye by noon.

But the obliterating had been done by the janitors, not by the freshmen.

When Chancellor Chaplin suspended the strenuous freshmen, he incidentally ordered them off the school grounds.

At the same time he ordered the janitors to clear the gymnasium of all traces of the sophomores' work. In addition to removing the barricades, the janitors removed the figures "05."

The sophomores have one advantage in this battle, according to the way the story is told by certain students. That is, they are informed by the "upper classes" of the day selected for the battle, while the freshmen are not.

The freshmen say they did not know that diplomatic negotiations had been declared off until they saw the "sophas" in war paint yesterday morning.

SAW BARBED WIRE.

As they looked out of the windows of their classrooms on the second and third floors of the old Mary Institute building, Beaumont and Locust streets, before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, some of the freshmen saw that barbed wire had been stretched across each window.

Examining more closely, they observed the "sophas" made ready for war. They were clad in the armor of the football player, and some of them even wore the gridiron headgear.

Instantly the freshman leader sounded his tocsin and began to gather his clans for action. One of the early arrivals was sent for a long plank and the plan of attack was quickly formed.

The freshmen found that the doors, as well as the windows, had been barricaded with boards as well as barbed wire, and all possible precautions taken by the "sophas" to prevent any freshmen from sneaking in.

They resolved to take the battle by storm. As a preliminary they captured a quartette of stray "sophas" in the school building proper on their way to the "gym" and bound them securely hand and foot so they could not reach their brother warriors.

Then they lined up in the passageway leading from the school to the "gym." The stoutest of the freshmen seized the long plank and made ready to rush for the door leading to the "gym" and the hated "sophas."

THE THIRD PARTY.

The phalanx of freshmen was just about to push the plank with their combined strength against the door and force it open when—

The third party appeared.

It was an allied party, but they were not freshmen allies.

It consisted of Chancellor Chaplin and several of what the students delight in calling "profs."

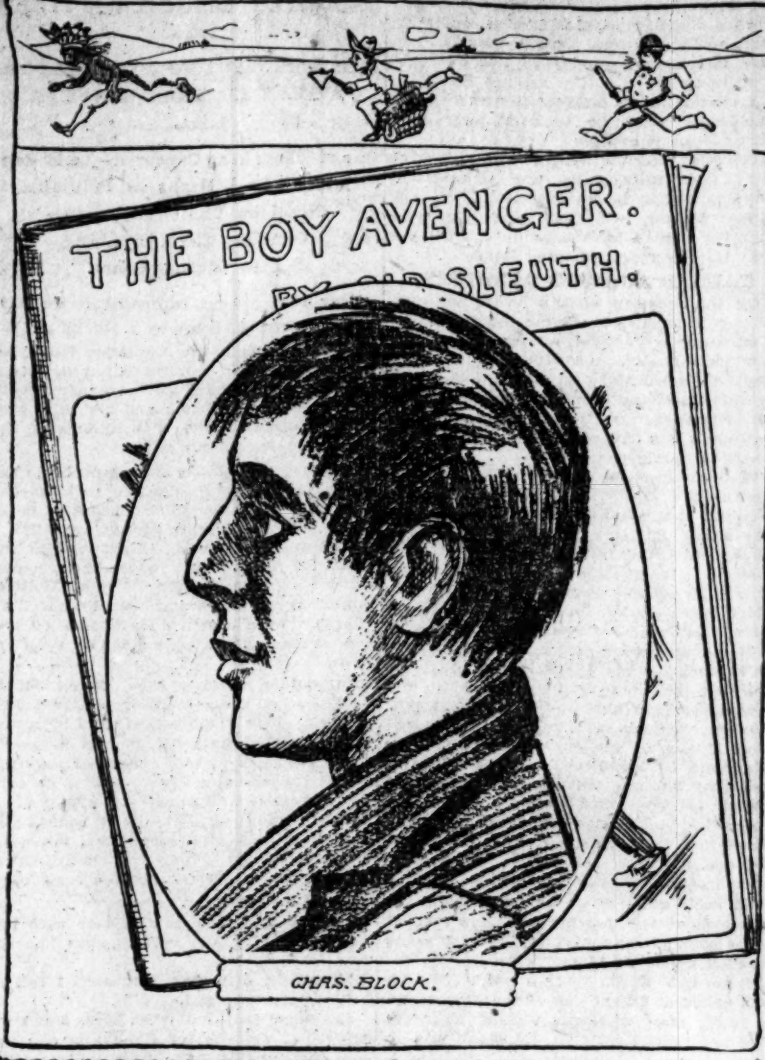
The chancellor told them he had decided that it would be better for both armies to sign a protocol at once.

Instantly the freshmen demurred.

Then he told them to individually take their choice of ceasing warfare or their attendance at the university.

They all said they would not return to their class rooms and allow the numerals to be obliterated, and the freshmen were

This Boy's Indian Chase Led
to Jail Instead of to Glory



the 30 freshmen co-eds cheered the plucky freshmen, and the boys shouted:

"Re ray, re ray."

Washington-freshmen
Nineteen-six.

THESE SUSPENDED.

They varied this occasionally with another yell which brought in the names of four of the university "profs."

There were 40 freshmen suspended. The number included: Fred Robinson, class president; Robin Weber, Walter Heimbocher, Earl Quereback, Harry White, Craig and Archibald Butler, Horace and Mordie Burroughs, Percy Boeck, Roy Campbell, Hemp Kennett, Peter Nelson, Robert Thompson, Morrey Jones, Cecil Hogan, Walter Feuerbacher, Samuel Sherman, James Bullock, Elmer Samish, Walter Krause, Remington Scuyler, William Gilbert, Allan Gamble, Fred Gitter, and Messrs. Brown, Heidel, Treubler, Gerling, Gallenkamp, Cottman, Adler, Ballman, Latta, Schewe and Padock.

It is more than probable that a compromise will be effected whereby the suspensions will be raised. The freshmen are not worrying over the situation seriously.

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HUMBERT FAMILY CAUGHT IN MADRID

Led by a Woman Who Duped
the Keenest Financiers
of Paris.

DEFAUDED BANK OF FRANCE

LIVED IN THE GREATEST LUXURY AND DEFIED DETECTION FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS.

MYTHICAL CRAWFORD

MILLIONS

The Scheme Planned by Mrs. Humbert Was Unique, Though Bold, and When the Collapse Came She Escaped to Spain, Where Her Capture Occurred Saturday.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Humbert, the chief actress in a swindle which duped Paris bankers out of \$12,000,000 and whose bold scheme defied detection for more than 20 years, is a prisoner in the hands of the Madrid police.

Mme. Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert and the three d'Aurignacs, Romain, Emilie and Marie, were arrested in a hotel here today.

The police suspected a house on the Calle Ferray. Some time yesterday Romain d'Aurignac was seen to enter the building.

A search warrant was obtained and the house was surrounded.

After some difficulty, the police were admitted and arrested the long sought for defaulters. The prisoners protested that they were the victims of infamous proceedings. They threatened to expose certain persons in France and said they had come to Madrid direct from Paris.

Mlle. Eva became hysterical, and Mme. Humbert clasped Marie d'Aurignac and her daughter in her arms, pleading with the police "for the love of God not to separate me from my daughter."

The police made an inventory of the contents of the apartments, and found a parcel of jewels valued at \$200, a couple of lottery tickets and about \$15 in cash. Seals were then attached to the house, and the whole family were removed to jail, and were placed at the disposition of the French court.

The police suspect the Humberts of having disposed of important papers in the lavatories while delaying the entry of the officers. The family tried to escape by the windows, but failed.

The Complete Story of the Humbert Scheme and the Visionary Crawford Millions.

The story of the woman who duped the keenest bankers and men of finance in France and duped them of \$12,000,000 by the most ingenious scheme, is one beside which the inventions of Gaboriau and Wilkie Collins are but tame and lifeless.

In the beginning of 1883 there appeared in the social firmament of Paris a new and wonderful figure, brown, deep and intelligent. She emerged from obscurity a paid-up member of the Parisian society.

Her origin? What did it matter since she was beautiful, witty, brilliant, a queen among women, and the wife of a man of letters, a man of letters, a man of letters.

Eric Humbert, the gifted deputy then forging into prominence, as the promising son of the "Toujours en Vives" family, then minister of justice in M. de Freycinet's cabinet and former vice-president of the Senate.

The lavish scale on which they lived convinced Paris that the stories of the wealth of the Humberts were true. They bought the magnificent Brancini mansion near the Arc de Triomphe.

There they began their conquest of Paris. The Humberts had two fine estates outside of Paris, the Chateau de Vives-Eaux near Melun, and the Coeurin property, to which they fled when the police were hunting for them. An atmosphere of fascinating mystery surrounded this remarkable woman.

In plumed Parisian curiosity she had burst suddenly upon Paris with the splendor of an oriental princess.

The chapters that follow explain the source of the wealth that dazzled madame's admirers.

CHAPTER II.
Origin of Story of the \$20,000,000.

Robert Henry Crawford, a New Yorker of millions, died suddenly at Nice, leaving his fortune of over \$20,000,000 absolutely to Mme. Humbert. This was the pretty story. He had fallen one day in Toulouse, struck his head, and through many long months he lay in a tender care and nursing of Theres d'Aurignac.

But by bit Paris heard the story how the sympathetic young man had pursued the American and brought him back to life. She married Humbert and went to Paris. The American went to America in search of health. Then his death.

Two nephews, Henry and John Crawford, of New York, appeared with a will dated the day of the death of the American. Mme. Humbert and her husband were divided equally between them and Marie d'Aurignac.

Mme. Humbert had made a most ably and skilfully arranged plan for the future. She had made two wills on the same day, each naming a different beneficiary.

It was a very simple document, the nephew was to receive the money.

The wills were both duly filed, and began the first step in the scheme which formed the strange narrative in all the annals of French litigation. The nephews secured an injunction prohibiting Mme. Humbert from disposing of any part of their uncle's

This Woman Planned the
Greatest Swindle of the Century.



FREDERICK HUMBERT. MADAME HUMBERT.

Mme. Humbert, swindler of the century, under arrest in Madrid, was a Miss d'Aurignac. She was born in Toulouse in 1850, of a modest family of merchants. Her mother kept a notion shop in the same house that Mr. Humbert, pere, then a professor of the faculty of law, occupied. Mr. Humbert belonged to the first group of political men who governed France from 1873 to 1885; an active Freemason, he played an important role.

He was played in life and in the affair a minor role, although an important one, since he gave to his wife necessary marital authorization for innumerable acts that she passed to the notaries. He was a deputy and exhibited at the salon.

The star part belonged to Mme. Humbert. It was she who conducted the stupendous swindle in which she duped Paris bankers out of \$12,000,000. It was she who gave to the family the necessary prestige to command credit for it in the world.

She ordered her toilets from the best dressmakers of Paris and paid her bills without regard to details.

Her greatest display of luxury was her residence on the Avenue de la Grande Armee in Paris, bought (but not paid for) from the Count Brancini for 400,000 francs, and her chateau des Haut-Vives, situated near Epinal, which she had bought for 1,000,000 francs.

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ALLIES ASK ROOSEVELT TO ARBITRATE

Propose That American President Shall Decide the Venezuelan Question.

SETTLEMENT SEEMS ASSURED

GERMANY YIELDS TO GROWING HOSTILE SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE WAR BLOCKADE BEGINS

This Feature Is Regarded as a New Danger Point, as It Will Invite Collisions and May Raise New and Grave Issues.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate all matters at issue between the European allies and the government of Venezuela.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—As the only danger point now in the Venezuelan situation is the war blockade, which begins today.

The warships of England, Germany and Italy will establish a cordon in front of every port of Venezuela.

This blocks the vessels of all nations and cuts Venezuela off from the rest of the world.

While the allies seem to have agreed in settlement by arbitration, the blockade will continue until all arrangements for a tribunal have been made.

This is a real danger point. The blockade seriously cripples trade and invites collisions, out of which may grow a situation more critical than the one now pending.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The semi-official statement made here says: "The invitation to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Great Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two powers on the reservations attached to the offer and the German note will agree with the English note on all essential points."

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Settlement by arbitration—this, in all probability, will be the solution of the Venezuelan trouble.

Great Britain's anxiety to retain the good will of the United States, coupled with the growing suspicion in America of double dealing on the part of the Kaiser, has forced Germany to follow in the lead of her English ally and accept arbitration as the best way out of a ticklish situation.

Secretary Hay is understood to have received a supplemental answer from Germany to the arbitration proposal of President Castro.

In this reply Germany is said to express a willingness to refer the main points in the Venezuelan trouble to The Hague tribunal for arbitration.

It is said that in the interest of peace she is willing to forego the apologies which she has hitherto insisted on and remove the chief obstacles to arbitration that were presented in her first answer.

If this information is correct it is evident that the Kaiser has yielded to the urgent sentiment expressed by the United States.

The state department suggested several days ago that the trouble be referred to The Hague and called Minister Bowen to direct his efforts to that end. It is probable the same suggestion was made to the powers.

Germany may have been influenced by a fear that England's attitude in favor of arbitration would leave Germany to bear the brunt of a disaster that would follow a long-continued struggle and probably cause strained relations with this country.

If the trouble is left to The Hague to decide it is probable the court will sit in Washington.

The proposed bond issue through which it is planned to take up all of Venezuela's debts would necessarily be affected by arbitration, but would be rather regarded as an aid in that direction.

Mr. Bowen, it is reported, wishes to come to Washington in order personally to effect an adjustment with the resident ambassador of the allies, but while the state department makes no statement to that effect, it is believed that it is now being considered.

HIS SECRET WIFE WEDDED ANOTHER

Allegation in Chas. J. Owens' Suit for Divorce.

Suit for Divorce.

The divorce case of Charles J. Owens against May Owens was tried today in Judge Spencer's division of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Owens asked for divorce on the ground that his wife, after she had secretly married him, had married another man.

The mother of the defendant testified in court to the second wedding having taken place.

Owens is a well-known hotel clerk. His wife's maiden name was May McGinley. Prior to 1886 the father of Miss McGinley conducted a hotel at Memphis, Tenn.

Owens was the chief clerk. The hotel keeper's daughter and the clerk fell in love.

In 1886 Mr. McGinley died. Owens came to St. Louis and became a clerk at the "Planters." Later Mrs. McGinley came to St. Louis. After living for a time in Compagnie, Owens and Miss McGinley were married by Rev. Robert L. Lee, rector of the Holy Communion Church. The wedding was kept a secret. The couple did not live together. The bride returned to the West End Hotel.

Mr. Owens stopped writing to Owens. He came to St. Louis to ascertain the reason and found that she had gone to Chicago. He traced her and found that on June 24, 1892, she had been married there to Mario Lavigne, and they were living at the Hyde Park Hotel.

Owens brought suit for divorce in St. Louis.

At the trial of the case today Mrs. McGinley was placed on the stand. She testified that her daughter had married Lavigne, but that she had known nothing about the previous marriage until the suit was filed.

Judge Spencer had some doubt whether Owens had lived continuously in the state long enough to entitle him to bring an action for divorce and took the case under advisement on that point.

Mrs. McGinley is living at one of the West End hotels.

The defendant in the divorce case is very pretty. She was only 19 when she was married to Owens. She makes no defense and the case was called on the default docket.

TOMORROW WILL BE FAIR

Colder Weather and Rain Predicted for Tonight—Near Freezing Point Sunday.

Today is clearing up day in the weather office. Things are being straightened up for Sunday. Clouds will be scrubbed away, and the rain will be turned off.

So much clearing, however, will make the world house colder than it was. So this is what we will get in the way of weather: "Colder. Rain Saturday, snow Saturday night. Generally fair Sunday."

The temperature Sunday will be near the freezing point.

Today there is rain to the south, rain to the east and west.

Within the last 24 hours there was rain in nearly all districts.

In no place was the precipitation very great.

The present storm has its center about Omaha. Over the middle Rockies and the Canadian provinces there are "blows."

LITTLE ANNA HELD HOLDS BIG POLICY

John C. Meyers Writes \$100,000 on Her Life.

SHE WANTED HER PUP INSURED

BUT

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10,000 GREATER Than the total of the next largest domestic
Want Medium west of the Mississippi.

The press of Berlin would have the world believe that the Kaiser's mailed hand is only in a friendly boxing glove.

The United States "had no navy" when we were fighting the greatest of all naval powers, but we "got there all the same."

If there were enough smoke to smoke out the House of Delegates the kicking against the smoke blanket would temporarily subside.

The trade reviews continue their favorable reports. Holiday trade has exceeded the most sanguine expectations and industrial plants are well employed, orders running far into the future. Even the results of the coal shortage have not been as serious as expected.

TRYING TO BANISH SANTA CLAUS.

The school teachers who have undertaken a crusade against Santa Claus may be expected to decide against fairy tales and object to the parables in the New Testament on the ground that they are not true.

These teachers explain to the children that there is no such person as Santa Claus, and to believe in his existence is foolish credulity. They inform the little ones that fact is the real thing, and any story that cannot be brought to the test of facts is a flat lie.

How very prosaic, not to say prosy, such minds are. Without imagination, humor or wit, they would forbid poetry, because there is nothing in the world of fact to correspond to the poet's vision.

Santa Claus is in a sort of pictorial, or, let us say, a personal rendering of the saying "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But suppose the baby were taught this truth in its abstract form—would the child ever understand it? But the little child can understand kindness and love. And when Santa makes his call and leaves his gifts the child learns what could never be learned by prose and fact.

Half the evils of life are due to the lack of imagination. The other half are mostly due to the lack of humor. A woman in destitute circumstances in those respects is not fit to teach.

Restaurants at the World's Fair are to be spacious and well built. But what about the size of the pie cuts?

THE TREE PLANTING PROBLEM.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Public Improvements, an opinion of the city engineer was read, to the effect that the city has no right to order trees planted or to plant them itself on the streets. The city may cause them to be planted along boulevards, however.

This leaves the matter to public-spirited citizens to see that the city shall be made attractive by planting trees wherever they are needed. The boulevards will be cared for without much effort. The opinion leaves the city power to order trees planted on them. But there are hundreds of open places and streets where trees should be planted this winter or next spring, so that they may make some headway by the time of the opening of the World's Fair. To do this work, we should have a tree-planting organization, composed of citizens who desire to further the work of making the city beautiful. The Civic Improvement League will no doubt do what it can to help in this movement, but it has many things to do. What is needed is a well-organized body, specially devoted to this object. Now is the time to begin. Plenty of trees will add greatly to the attractiveness of St. Louis for World's Fair visitors. They will also be a permanent source of joy and healthfulness to the citizens.

The organ of a party is bad enough, but what must be said of the organ of a politician?

A WOMAN SANITARY INSPECTOR.

The appointment of Dr. Mary E. Tucker as sanitary inspector, which seems to be decided, is a concession to a very reasonable demand from the women of St. Louis.

It is admitted by all that the work of inspection in St. Louis is not thoroughly done. And there is reason to believe that the service will be improved by the employment of women.

In the beginning at least there will be "no politics in it" for the women. They may in time learn to love and play the game, but happily it is unfamiliar now, and they can do disinterested work until the day comes, if it ever comes, when they, too, shall delight in practical politics.

The December ice flows in the Mississippi are no evidence that it is to be frozen over at St. Louis this winter.

A NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE HIGHWAY.

As stated in Tuesday's Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis automobilists are pushing the movement to have a national highway created from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for the use of motor cars of all sorts. It is intended to have a bill introduced in Congress, and the scheme will be discussed and put in shape at the automobile show to be held in Chicago in February.

If such a highway could be created it would be in line with a good roads movement, provided all vehicles had equal rights to the use of the road. The people will not consent to the use of public money merely for the automobile riding class. The road should also be governed by such rules as to conserve the rights of the farmer with his team and the traveler with his buggy or other rig. An international automobile speedway is out of the question.

By utilizing and improving existing roads, such a highway might be made an important beginning in the movement for good roads generally. If the automobile shall succeed in making this movement national it will have added many millions of dollars to the wealth of the country.

Boston is alleged to be growing warmer every year. But what does that amount to so long as the Boston girl maintains her coldness?

THE TOWN CRIER.

Wednesday's Post-Dispatch contained the interesting story of how Patrick Rush of St. Louis found his mother and sisters and brothers, through a brief account of his life, which was published in last Sunday's Post-Dispatch.

On Monday, the day following the publication, Mr. Rush received a telegram from one of the missing brothers, telling him where his mother and the rest could be found. He had sought them without avail for over 30 years. He found them within a few days, when he had the right feeling of doing so.

him as the knowledge he has gained through the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Time was when the town crier proclaimed a missing person. The world was hard to get about in then, and probably a few persons proclaimed missing by the town crier were found. Of what avail would the old-time town crier be now? But the modern town crier—a paper like the Sunday Post-Dispatch, with its hundreds of thousands of subscribers and million readers, scattered all over the world—is in all points adapted to the modern work that has taken the place of the old town crier's task. It goes everywhere and speaks its message plainly and clearly. It has united countless families and made glad countless homes.

The Post-Dispatch has more than once suggested the need of essential amendments to the present election law. It is gratifying to see that the matter has been taken up by the Democratic organization and arrangements looking to this end are preparing. Whether the alterations and amendments proposed by the committee will be of the right sort, and go to the root of the scandal remains to be seen. The sincerity of the movement must be judged by results. The initiative in this matter belongs to the Democrats, since that party is and has been from the beginning responsible for the law and its execution. No better party work can be done than the preparation and passage of fair, honest amendments which shall satisfy all parties by insuring honest elections.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FUND.

When dinner is announced at the Coliseum Christmas Day 10,000 guests will make their way to the tables. This means that a great deal of money will be needed to make up the Christmas Festival Fund. Christmas dinners must be good dinners, and this one will be the best. We must not be niggardly when spreading such feasts.

Liberal contributions are expected to carry out such an immense work of benevolence. The committees in charge have elaborated their plans on a large scale, relying upon the kind hearts in St. Louis to support them.

They will not be disappointed, but don't be the last one to send in a contribution.

Large or small—all will be welcome and every contributor will have satisfaction in the thought that to him was due in part at least the Christmas joy of some needy person.

The tract of ground on the World's Fair site which is to have the form of the State of Iowa and to be planted to show the character of the vegetation and forestry throughout the state, with under paths to mark the course of the principal rivers, will be a most effective exhibit. It will be Iowa on the spot.

The increase of sickness in Washington on account of the hard coal shortages ought to suggest to Congress the propriety of acting upon the President's advice to remove the anthracite coal duty. When they are not frozen, hard coal consumers are skinned.

Miss Perez Pritchard has retired from the business management of the Rich Hill Tribune, but Nannie R. Huchey is to be an associate in the business management of the paper. Women in Missouri journalism are easily shown.

Next to the President, a senator of the United States is conspicuous. The great State of Missouri will be judged by the kind of man she sends to the Senate. Only her greatest and best should be given so exalted a place.

The most flexible currency the country has ever had was the old wild-cat bank bills, but when its flexibility gave out there was universal trouble. We don't want a currency the flexibility of which will recall the wildcats.

The loyalty of the Filipinos will scarcely be perfect while we insist that they are Americans and at the same time require the payment of tariff duties on their products. It seems impossible for us to be fair.

President Rotham thinks the St. Louis market for Hereford cattle is to become the greatest in the country. Last Thursday's sale here brought gratifying results, and Father Dettie may in future be here often.

The little-girl miners of Pennsylvania are a formidable menace to the great anthracite interest, but the Pennsylvania militia will not fail to do his duty whenever it is called upon.

It looks now as if all the small nations as well as the large will take part in the World's Fair. The opportunity is the greatest ever offered to nations of any sort.

The display of flags today rather emphasizes the Monroe doctrine as well as commemorates the transfer of the Louisiana territory to the United States.

Spain's Christmas will be made happy by her remembrance of having got rid of the Philippines at a big price.

If Wall Street should absorb all the emergency currency, what then? More emergency currency?

The hard coal shortage is to continue, but there will be no shortage in prices.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

Doubtless there will be a rush of World's Fair visitors to see that concrete chimney in Cheltenham.

Jokes with long gray whiskers do not seem any younger for being attributed to the late Thomas B. Reed.

Perhaps the ice man will get ice this winter if enough of it can be lassoed as it drifts down the great river.

Minister Brown may become Vice-President—and, if President Roosevelt blows into a gun to see if it loaded, President.

Talk about the decrease in the birth rate sounds rather absurd after we read of the Louisiana mother who has borne five children in 12 months.

The man with a coin upon which there is no premium will not go out with the old year. The man with a coin upon which there is no premium is continuous. He will be here when the mints themselves have disappeared.

There are said to be women roofers. Do they fill an order two months after they get it, and how long do they wait to come back and repair the new roof which they guarantee and which presently shows as many leaks as did the old one?

The fine humor of the paragraph squibs about a St. Louis woman who fell into a long sleep while reading a St. Louis newspaper is slightly affected by the fact that she was not reading anything just before she became unconscious. It is to be hoped that on her recovery she will never come in contact with that kind of newspaper humor. A relapse might be fatal.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

QUESTIONER.—No premium on a half dollar of 1853. C. R. A.—A trade dollar is worth only bullion value. J. C. L.—William P. Lord is American minister to Argentine Republic, Buenos Ayres.

THEATER CRAZY.—Inquire at the box office. But if you have no talent of any kind you won't get much encouragement. H. R.—For children or frosted feet, soak in hot mustard water 2 or 3 times daily and especially before going to bed. Dry well and give them a good rubbing each time. Also wear warm stockings and keep your feet warm.

E. L. ARKNEY.—"Spittin' the infinitive" It is the insertion of a word between the sign of the infinitive, "to," and the verb. Thus, "to fight" is the infinitive; "to bravely fight" is an example of the split infinitive. Pester never split their infinitives. Sensible people do so wherever they can gain in force or clearness.

A.—"It is really a man's good duty and form to have his head uncovered in an elevator when occupied by ladies? Don't you think it rather unreasonable?" No. It isn't his good duty to take off his hat in an elevator. It is sheer folly. It is a man's duty to give his seat to a lady in the street car. But even in this common sense should govern. An old man shouldn't get when a young man enters the car, and the car, and she shouldn't accept the seat. Courtesy always, with common sense.

Post Check Currency.

From the Labor Compendium. For years the public has been annoyed beyond measure by the slow, ancient method provided by the postal department for the safe transmission of small sums of money by mail. Money orders are inconvenient to both sender and receiver. The postal check currency system offers a method that is absolutely safe and as convenient as receiving or paying a check for a large sum. It is a simple matter to use it. The sender writes the amount on a postal check and gives it to the post office. The check is then sent by mail to the person to whom it is payable. The recipient goes to the post office and presents the check. The money is then paid out to him. This system is simple, safe, and convenient. It is a great improvement over the old method of sending money by mail.

JUST A MINUTE WITH THE POST-DISPATCH POET AND PHILOSOPHER

SHE CAME.

The eager lover rushed into the hall,
Defying the conventions, one and all.
"Come hither, Mabel!" he called up the stairs.

(Of impudence the rascal had his share.)
"I can't," the beautiful dame made reply,
And he, persistent youth, demanded why.
"Because," she said, with just a trace of wrath,

"I-I—have just this minute left—the bath!"
"Oh," he chirped airily as lark or linnet,
"That makes no difference—come down a minute!"

Just slip on anything and come right down!"

She stamped her foot, for she had cause to frown,
And bade him leave and call again; but he
Would hear to nothing. "Come!" he cried;
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THE POST-DISPATCH'S DAILY MAGAZINE

THE LESSER EVIL.

"Do you like to go to school, little boy?"

"Yes'm. Teacher don't lick us half as much as maw does."

ALMOST RIGHT.

"What do you know about this case?"

asked the lawyer.

"Nothing," replied the witness. "I'm the expert."

Subsequently his testimony proved conclusively that he knew less than nothing—Chicago Tribune.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

"Let it be understood," said Miss Passay, "that I want a genuine likeness: a natural reproduction of my features that—"

"In that case, ma'am," replied the photographer, "I must ask you to pay in advance."—Philadelphia Press.

DRESS OR REDRESS.

Singleton: I'm between his satirical majesty and the deep sea this morning.

Wederly: How's that?

Singleton: Miss Willing threatens me with a breach of promise suit if I don't marry her.

Wederly: Well, wouldn't it be better to marry her?

Singleton: I don't know. If I do I'll have to dress her for life—so you see it's a case of dress or redress—Chicago News.

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Small Ratifies Extradition Treaty.
SAO PAULO, Dec. 20.—The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies has ratified the treaty of extradition with the United States.

"A Place for Everything and Everything in its Place"

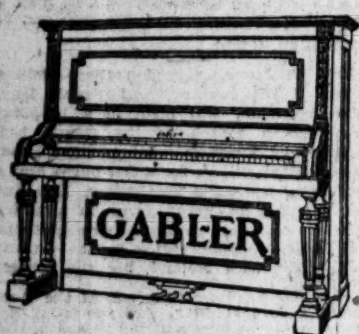
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THE NEWEST BOOKS



GERTRUDE SMITH.
 Author of "The Lovable Tales of Jane and Joe." New York: Harper & Bros.

More Children's Books.

Lee & Shepard of Boston make a specialty of publishing stories for the young folks. Their offerings this season are numerous and attractive. Among the best are:

"The Story of Joan of Arc for Boys and Girls," by Kate E. Carpenter. Told in the form of a series of days' narratives by Aunt Kate to her little nephews and nieces. Every child should know the story of the brave maid of Domremy, and this book is just the thing for those who would not understand the longer histories.

"A Boy of a Thousand Years Ago," by Harriet T. Comstock, author of "Cedric and the Saracen," etc. The boy of 100 years ago is King Alfred, whom all modern boys and girls admire. The romance of his youth is here well told, beautifully printed and systematically illustrated by George Varian. The book will make a useful gift to any child.

"Hortense—A Difficult Child," by Edna A. Foster. Stories about boys and girls who go on long visits and have to adapt themselves to new surroundings are always interesting. This is one of them. Hortense is a spirited and original southern girl, who goes North, and her odd ways and ideas make some trouble, but all comes out right in the end.

"A Girl of This Century," by Mary Greenleaf Darling, author of "We Four Girls," etc. This is a sequel to "We Four Girls," and the characters of her little playmates and of the strikingly original waltz, "Nancy," are unusually well sustained. This is just the book that careful mothers will welcome.

"Randy and Her Friends," by Amy Brooks. Randy is a simple village maiden, who acquires herself well as the first of a well-to-do lady who enables her to enjoy a term at a fine private school in Boston. The Randy series of books has won much favor among Eastern readers.

"Boy Donald and His Hero," by Penn Shirley, author of "Boy Donald," etc. Boy Donald's "hero" is his elder brother, Kirke. The scene is laid in California. Boy Donald and his supposed "twin," Julius Fay, go with several of their friends to the country seat. Cascade House, where they meet with both amusing and thrilling adventures. The story closes with a grand barbecue and a glowing tribute from the assembled guests to Donald's idolized brother Kirke, who has proved himself a hero indeed. A delightful little book, like all books by the author and her gifted sister, "Sophie May." (Price, 50c, net.)

"Tom Winstone—Wide Awake," by Martha James, author of "My Friend Jim." The young hero of this book, equally efficient in a footrace or a noble action, is well worth knowing. The book is excellently printed and bound, with an unusually attractive cover design. (Price, 50c, net.)

"The Little Girl Next Door," by Nina Rhodes, author of "Only Dolls." This is a delightful story of true and genuine friendship between an impulsive little girl in a fine New York home and a little blind girl in an apartment next door. The little girl's determination to cultivate the acquaintance begun out of the window during a rainy day triumphs over the barriers of caste, and the little blind girl proves to be in every way a worthy companion. Later a mysterious birth is revealed, and the little blind girl proves to be of noble birth and of noble nature.

such rich New England humor been presented, and all this without impairing the high moral tone of the book or the delicacy of its pathos.

"The Young Volcano Explorers." By Edward Stratemeyer. In this book Darry Crane, Frank Newton and others, with their tutor, visit the scenes of the recent West Indian eruptions. In the guise of a story much useful knowledge of the world is woven into this book, which is one of Stratemeyer's "Pan-American Series of Boys' Tales."

"Cruising on the St. Lawrence." A Summer Vacation on Historic Waters," by Everett T. Tomlinson, author of "The War of 1812 Series," etc. Illustrated by A. B. Shute. Boys who love the water and its possibilities of adventure will enjoy this story. Every American boy should know something of the glories of the noble St. Lawrence.

"In the Days of Queen Elizabeth," by Eya March Tappan, author of "In the Days of Alfred the Great," etc. A capital picture of the strenuous Queen who defied and defeated Spain in its most powerful day. It is illustrated from famous paintings, and, as the author has striven to be fair and impartial, should be of much help to young students of history.

Lilli Lehmann's Book.
 Lilli Lehmann, the famous dramatic soprano and opponent of the use of birds' plumage on hats, is at home in Berlin, says the New York Sun, where she lives frugally on the substantial accumulations of some 20 years of industry, economy and frugality. It was always predicted that Mme. Lehmann would not be found suffering from want in her old age. Of course, she is not old yet. She is 52, and she has been on the stage 34 years. She says so herself in the introduction to her book on singing, which the Macmillans have just published.

The English title of the book, which was translated by Richard Aldrich, the accomplished musical editor of the New York Times, is "How to Sing." The German title is "Meine Gesangskunst," which means "My Art of Song." The innate modesty of this title is characteristic of Mme. Lehmann.

The book, however, is a notable contribution to the literature of vocal art. It is the fullest and most technical explanation of the method of singing now to be found in English. It is severely practical and will be invaluable to teachers and students. Mme. Lehmann may be too modest, but her book praises her by its excellence.

One of the most interesting volumes in the "Story of the Nations" series is "The Papal Monarchy," by William Barry. This book deals not with the Pope as a teacher, but as a ruler of men, in affairs which may be reviewed under a secular as well as a religious aspect.

The story, beginning in the faraway twilight of apostolic days, is carried to the culmination of the papal power and the death of Boniface VIII in 1303. The book is thorough, scholarly and eloquent. An interesting subject is most interestingly treated. ("The Papal Monarchy," by William Barry, D. D. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.)

The title of Charles Wagner's new book, which McClure, Phillips & Co. will publish early in the spring, will be "The Better Way," the plot of the play, the pastor of the Lutheran Church in Paris, whose doctrines of simplicity and sanity in modes of living have so impressed that gay capital. His previous book, "The Simple Life," is now in its sixth edition. This is the volume which President Roosevelt mentioned in several of his public speeches, saying he wished it could be used as a tract throughout the country.

The death of the widely known pastor of the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, the earlier publication of "The Life of Joseph Parker," by his long-time friend and associate, Dr. William Adamson, which the Fleming H. Revell Co. had announced as in preparation. The author is adding a final chapter relating to the last days.

The McMillan Co., who are Edward Fitzgerald's publishers in America, are bringing out "The Works of Edward Fitzgerald," edited by W. Aldis Wright. It will be a handsome edition in seven volumes, containing all Fitzgerald's published works, including the several series of letters, which

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarrh is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the union. The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McVerney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking."

"I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two 50 cent boxes which I bought at my druggist's cleared my head and throat in fine shape and to guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of the tablets on hand and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserve to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarrh cures, Stuart's tablets contain no opium.

have been rearranged in chronological order for this edition. The volumes will be published monthly from December. The edition will be strictly limited to 350 sets, and will be the properly authorized edition of Fitzgerald.

Among the books to be brought out in January by D. Appleton & Co. are "Horace Greasley," by W. A. Linn, in the Historic Lives Series; "Silver Work and Jewelry," by H. Wilson, in the Artistic Crafts series; "The Work of Wall Street," by S. S. Pratt; "The Story of Alchemy," by M. M. Pattison, in the Library of Useful Science; and Channing C. Hutchins' new revolutionary novel, "For a Maiden Brave."

G. W. Dillingham Co. announces Roland B. Molinex's "The Room With the Little Door." The first edition will be 25,000 copies. It will be a 12mo volume of nearly 300 pages.

Lillian Bell, in the second of her "Talks to Spinsters" in Harper's Bazar for January, shows conclusively that the climate has all to do with making single women become "old maids." The title of her paper is "On the Tendency Toward Crabbiness," and she proves that if all the spinsters in New England could be sent to the southern states the race would die out at once. Some of the other good things in the number is one of Mary B. Williams-Presman's nature studies, "The Elm Tree," an article on "One-Room Papers," by Ada Sterling; the first chapter of a promising novel, "The Ultimate Moment," by William R. Lighton, and the usual departments.

"On the Cross," the Oberammergau romance, is being dramatized by Maurice Walsh.

Laurence Housman has written a Nativist play which he calls "Bethlehem," which is now being performed with music in London under the stage direction of Edward Gordon Craig. The Macmillan Company published the play in book form on the 17th of the month. It is rather a striking presentation of the story of the Nativity. It will be remembered that Laurence Housman is the author of "An English Woman's Love Letters," although he has never officially acknowledged this. It is pretty well known, however, in literary circles in London.

Christmas Bargains.
 A lady's silver watch, \$1.95. Gold-filled watch, Elgin works, \$2.50. Boy's watch, \$1.00. Grimm & Gorly, Jewelers, 15th and Cass-av., opposite Hellmuth & Grimm.

ELIAS HASS DIED AT 77 YEARS

Formerly a Prominent Dry Goods Merchant in St. Louis and Retired Fifteen Years Ago.

Elias Hass, 77 years of age, 4209 Page boulevard, died yesterday. He had been ill more than a month. Before he retired from active mercantile pursuits, 15 years ago, he was one of the best known retail merchants in St. Louis.

Mr. Hass was born in Darmstadt, Germany, in 1843, and came to St. Louis in 1874. In a few years he had become owner of one of the largest dry goods stores in the West. He had eight children, one of whom is dead. The surviving children are: Harry Hass, vice-president of the Riverside Shoe Co.; Isaac Jacob and Samuel Hass, well-known business men; Mrs. Jacob Rosenberg, Mrs. E. Guckenheimer and Mrs. Fred Mayer.

Holiday Excursions.
 Via Illinois Central railroad, one, and one-third fare for the round trip to all points south and southeast. Tickets on sale Dec. 21, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good returning to and including Jan. 3. Full particulars City Ticket Office, 308 North Broadway.

SEWER BILLS INTRODUCED.
 Also Ordinance for Reconstruction of Fifteen Streets and Alleys.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements yesterday afternoon the committee on streets was instructed to draft an ordinance providing for the opening of a sewer on Waterman avenue, under the Wabash Railroad tracks. This is the improvement insisted upon by the residents of the Cabanne district.

Refrigeration of about fifteen streets and alleys were introduced by Street Commissioner Varrenharm. Sewer Commissioner Hermann introduced another providing for the reconstruction of all sewers between Ninth and Twelfth and St. Charles and Pine streets. These are all located in alleys, so there will be no tearing up of the streets.

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CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH.

Eddie Burke, Aged 3, Fell Against Fall of Boiling Water.

Eddie Burke, 3 years old, was fatally scalded at his home, 439 Converse avenue yesterday. While playing, the child fell against a fall of hot water, which was upset, scalding him to death.

Xmas Gifts.
 Pipes and smokers' articles should be bought from the maker, Max Zapf, 504 Olive street.

Mitchell Scott's Will.
 Among other bequests in the will of Mitchell Scott, died yesterday, are the following: Charles K. Padlock, a groomsmen, \$200; William Rhodes, a friend and schoolmate, \$250; his daughter Eleanor, \$200; Maria Wheatley, a servant, \$200; in trust for Mitchell Scott Rhodes, a son of William Rhodes, \$150; the Rev. George Brinley Morgan, New Haven, Conn., \$250; William C. Little, partner, \$200; Asaiah Comanders, Knight Templar, \$200. The remainder of the estate is left to Ellen Liggett Scott, executrix, without bond.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy for their children.

Delivery Wagon Wrecked.
 A delivery wagon owned by D. Crawford & Co. was struck by a Wabash train at Delmar boulevard yesterday afternoon and one of the horses was killed. The driver, William Martin, 351 Evans avenue, jumped and was uninjured. The wagon was wrecked. The total damage is about \$200. Martin stated that the guard gates were up and that he did not see the train approaching. Joseph Taylor, the watchman, contradicts this and says that he warned Martin in time.

Christmas Candies.
 Fine display at Blake & Bro. Candy Co., 608 to 616 Market street.

Mr. Rodenberg Ill.—Congressman-elect William A. Rodenberg of East St. Louis became ill immediately after he finished a lecture at the South Side Y. M. C. A. Friday night. He said that he suffered from an attack of pleurisy, but feared no ill effects. He was taken in a carriage to his home in East St. Louis.

No lecture was given at that of a three-man committee. No. 1, Elmer & Co., 1010 to 1012 Market street.

ELEVATED RAILWAY BILL NO. 6

Company Wants Franchise to Build From Third and Morgan Streets North, South and West.

The Missouri Elevated Railway Co. caused to be introduced in the City Council yesterday a bill authorizing the company to construct and operate an elevated railway from Third and Morgan streets to the northern, southern and western city limits. A 50-year franchise is asked. The company offers to pay \$25,000 cash when the measure is passed; \$25,000 additional before work on the road is begun and \$25,000 or 10 per cent of the net earnings annually after the road is in operation.

This is the sixth bill pending for an elevated railway. Councilman Sheehan introduced it by request.

William H. Garland, George W. Avery and Emmette W. Settle are the directors of the Missouri Elevated Railway Co.

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Immense Lumber Purchase.

The Garretson-Greaser Lumber Co. of St. Louis yesterday purchased 50,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber and the plant of the Campbell Lumber Co. at Campbell, Mo. The timber is in five tracts near Campbell and the estimate is that it will take five years to cut it. The land itself remains in the hands of the original owners. The purchasing company will put in a double mill to utilize the timber at once. The Campbell Lumber Co. will continue to operate its railroad through that country. The line is 20 miles long.

HOTEL DISHWASHER KILLED

Amos Giles, Himself Wounded, Shot Milton Simpson to Death in a Pistol Duel.

Because he abused the aged parrot cook of the Berlin Hotel Milton Simpson was killed at that place by Amos Giles yesterday evening. The dead man was a dishwasher and Giles a porter at the hotel. Both are negroes.

They quarreled in the basement supply room of the hotel and both began firing at the same time. A number of shots were exchanged, and when the dust was over Simpson was dead and Giles was shot in the left shoulder. He gave himself up to the police and was sent as a prisoner to the City Hospital.

MOTHER SEEKS HER SONS.

Father of William and George Massinger Has Died.

News is desired of William Edward Massinger, aged 25, a baker, and George Ignatius Massinger, aged 28, a farmer, by their mother, who lives at 313 South Second street. She last heard of them in the summer time, when they were in St. Louis. Since then her husband has died. After his death she left her home in St. Genevieve, Mo., and came to St. Louis to live. Letters to her sons received no answer. She thinks that George has gone to work for some railroad company in Arkansas. The death of her husband left her without support except her daughters, and she feels sure that if her sons knew of this they would come to her.

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We wish we were governor of the great State of Michigan for one day. There are many things as governor of Michigan which we might do for the welfare of the commonwealth and of mankind in general. We might recommend the passage of a bill making it a crime for storekeepers to accept money within 30 days of Christmas, or have introduced a measure looking toward the establishment of free lunch stands on each corner.

This is the time of year when we feel the need of both.

But useful as such relief might prove, the greatest favor we, as governor of Michigan, could confer on the public, would be to shut up our gubernatorial head about prize fights.

Would we, as governor, tell the sheriff that the McGovern-Corbett affair would be a prize fight, and order it stopped? We rather guess not. To do that would only mean that we would have another period of arrangement, rearrangement, settlement of dates, place, discussion of training and other sources of telegraphic expense to the press and monotony to the reader.

We have already passed through two such new belts, and found the vapor and hot air oppressive. We would like to have the explosion as quickly as possible that the atmosphere might clear. As governor of Michigan the opportunity is before us.

PEACE PREFERRED.

As usual, however, the de facto governor has ideas that differ from ours. To live out the letter of narrow law may be the proper thing, but peace of mind is infinitely to be preferred.

We are more and more impressed by the fact that the lower down you are in the world, the harder you have to work. Take for example, the confidence man, who is one of the most low down men we know of, and who, we are given to believe, works all the time.

Or take the instance of the pugilist. When fighters are somewhere down about the second rung from the ground with lots of climbing to do before he gets into the bandwagon, nothing comes easy for him.

When a champion would be going about the country exercising himself by knocking the meek of old the trunk of a lot of skates, the man at the bottom has got to meet the hard one.

The champion draws about 16 times the pay for doing one-sixteenth the work of the bottom-rung man, and we respectfully protest to whoever straightens these things out that it is not right.

Perhaps this bottom man is the very lad who is shoved out into the ring to be baited by the champion. He is the rat in the play where the terrier is thrown into the pit and the audience cries, "Sit him."

Then he thinks of the glory of being a mark, the foil against which the champ shows off, delights the crowd and advertises himself for a \$15,000 house later on. The joy of the thing is aggravated by the fact that you are not the "dog" to fight, if you happen to be the "ring" but to submit to being punched.

After you are in there you think what a "lobster" the champion really is and what you could do to him if you could only cut loose.

YOU GET THE "HA, HA"

When you get through with the engagement and have had the stars wiped out of your mental firmament, where they were played by the champion, you jump to your feet and challenge him to meet you at 20 rounds and the crowd gives you the ha ha and tells you what a dub you are alongside of the real thing and to go and lay down.

And how it grieves your soul to think that propriety and an agreement forbid your declaring then and there that you had just been laying down and didn't want any more of it. You would like to put yourself straight and show up the champ, but after all you can't.

You're too low down.

We are not citing any instances, but perhaps on the recent tour of some champions there was more than one fighter who might be higher had he "worked" less and thought more.

Mr. Frank Carr and his starting gate are working up much interest in the East. It is said that the result of the practical trial of the machine that will be made here next season will determine whether it will be generally adopted or not.

We hope for the sake of Mr. Carr, that it is, but we do not see how it can be. The gate is going to do for us. Mr. Carr has attacked the racing problem at the wrong end. He begins by trying to make the start a fight.

Speaking for myself, we don't care a continental what the start is so that the finish suits us. Just let the right horse come home in front and the preliminaries don't make a bit of difference.

The real problem of racing is not how to please patrons with the start, but to satisfy everybody with the finish. The man who can do this will divide all bets with me, and we don't care if he knows us. We are to be found here at all hours except when hostile demonstrations force us into retirement temporarily.

THE TURF WAR.

It is announced in dispatches from Cincinnati that the American Turf Congress has been revived, and will start another fight against the Western Jockey Club. We have heard of the efforts of well-known scientists to restore the dead, and have yet to hear of success. Perhaps Mr. Ryan, Fowler & Co., have the prescription. In that case we recommend to the gentleman named that they move cautiously in the matter of restoring corpses.

The Turf Congress was not much when in life, and the restoration or it may cause the parties involved in the work considerable and useless expense.

The good old game of get-as-much-as-you-can wrestling is being revived throughout the country. It has been more than a year since St. Louis witnessed a public contest of importance, and we are led to believe that the sport will be well patronized if restored.

The Mixup of the Macks, McClelland and McPadden



MOHAWKS WON FIVE STRAIGHT

Whitwashed Securities in Cocked-Hat Match Last Night.

TONIGHT'S BOWLING SCHEDULES.

Cocked Hat.
OFFICE MEN'S LEAGUE.
Rough Riders vs. Howards, club allies.

Yesterday's High Marks.
High single game—74, Lally, Mohawks.
Junior Association.
High five games—304, Lally, Mohawks.
High team game—274, Consumers, Mound.
City League.
High team total—1270, Mohawks, Junior League.

The Mohawks of the Junior Association did most of the high-mark bowling of the various teams in last night's cocked hat matches. In a series bowled on the Acme alleys against the Securities the Mohawks walked away from their opponents and won all five games. The team finished the match with an average of 51.42, the best mark of the evening. Lally bowled in great shape and finished up with an average of over 60 for the five games and a high-water mark of 74, also the best of the night.

Grube went over 64 and Wood 61. The Securities were in the match with a 25 blind and suffered accordingly.

Following are the scores for the evening:

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The Mohawks took a game from the Securities last night at Acme alley, making the fifth victory for the former in the Junior League's series of games. The score follows:

MOHAWKS.
Name. C. M. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. T. I. Av.
Lally... 12 12 12 12 12 60 30 42.5
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GLORIE S. ANGELICAS 2.

Scores on the Trust alleys in the St. Louis League games follow:

GLORIE S.
Name. C. M. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. T. I. Av.
McDonald... 12 12 12 12 12 60 30 42.5
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ANGELICAS.

Name. C. M. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. T. I. Av.
Williams... 12 12 12 12 12 60 30 42.5
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GILLENWATERS & BROWNS 2.

Gillenwaters won the odd game on the Cole Brothers alleys at:

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DEAD BABY IN A BASKET—Mrs. Sophie

Bergman found a child basket containing a dead baby inside front gate at 445 Sullivan avenue last night. The infant had been dead several hours and was about four days old. The body was taken to the morgue.

TRAIN LEAVES FOOT OF OLIVE STREET

POST-DISPATCH RECORD OF FINANCIAL AND MARKET PRICES

TRACTIONS THE "BLUE SPOT" HERE

TRANSIT WAS AGAIN SHOWN BACK FRACTIONALLY.

BONDS RULED MORE ACTIVE

National Bank of Commerce Was Strong and Many Trust Company Shares Were Improved.

The scope of the local stock market continued widened Saturday, transactions being broader than on the two preceding days. Prices were also quite well maintained, except for the tractions, St. Louis Transit being the most vulnerable point in this group.

Many of the stocks were quoted ex-dividend, transfer books of the numerous corporations closing today for the usual semi-annual distributions.

Bank of Commerce was quite strong and was run back to \$37.75, including the \$3 dividend. No sales were effected in the stock Saturday, though the demand was quite good.

Other bank stocks in favor were Third National, which advanced a point to \$23.10, with a sale there, Mechanics National, which sold at \$20.00 early and later at \$20.10, and American Exchange at \$20.00.

The declaration of a dividend of 2 per cent on Colonial Trust stock was the most favorable news in some time on those shares and they advanced quickly \$3 to \$20.50, closing.

Mercantile Trust stock closed for the regular and extra distributions, the former being 1 and the latter a total of \$5 per share. The stock sold, "ex," at \$46.00, to the extent of 40 shares and closed up.

Lincoln Trust lengthened its advance of the past few days to \$23.00, a point gain, while Missouri Trust again fetched \$21.00, and later brought \$21.87 1/2.

Central Coal and Coke common forged higher today under the impetus of a good buying inquiry. In all, 130 shares were taken at \$4.00, a gain of 25 cents over yesterday. A fractional gain was established in the closing bids.

Electric common brought \$2.00, but the is were again down fractionally at \$1.95.

The street railway shares continued quite disheartening. St. Louis Transit fell back to \$23.75, low point on this movement, while the other railways preferred again sold at \$31.

The 4s of the Railways Co. showed some little energy at \$24.75, the aggregate of \$22.00, par value, were assimilated.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Missouri Valley Trust	450.00	
St. Louis Union Trust	572.00	574.50
St. Louis Union Trust	228.00	235.00
**National Bank of Commerce	380.00	380.00
St. Louis Union Trust	280.00	281.00
Mechanics' National	294.50	298.00
St. Louis Union Trust	280.00	281.00
Third National	337.00	
St. Louis Union Trust	20.37 1/2	20.50
St. Louis Union Trust	80.00	81.00
do do	94.87 1/2	94.87 1/2
do do	84.18 1/2	84.25
Missouri Ed. B. L. Co. of Ck. pf'd.	50.00	50.00
do do	50.00	50.00
do do	88.00	90.00
American Central Ins. Co.		282.30
St. Louis Union Trust	156.50	160.00
St. Louis Union Trust	50.00	51.00
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GRANDJURY ADJOURNED.

Made Partial Report and Quit For the Holidays.

The December grand jury adjourned Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. It returned a partial report in which 24 indictments were presented to the court. Three of these are withheld from publication by the court.

During Friday's session the grand jury examined Night Chief of Police Gillaspay, Sergeant Speed of the Chestnut Street Police Station and Charles L. Gensbury of the House of Delegates in relation to the election frauds.

When Foreman Stix informed Judge Ryan that the indictments body wished to adjourn until Jan. 5, the court consented and wished the jurors a merry Christmas. Indictments returned, barring the three withheld, follows:

Murder, second degree, Lawrence M. Mullen.
 Robbery, first degree, Speedy Miller, Michael O'Brien.
 Assault, Hammer Charleston.
 Assault with intent to kill, Albert Baker, George Mallon and Campbell Hughes.
 Burglary, second degree and larceny, John Green, William Smith, Henry Lee, John Minor, alias Lafayette Abington, Albert Perkins, Jesse Westhus, Albert Gensdel, Charles Logan, Charles Kinney and Oliver Smith.
 Grand larceny, Henry Williams, Arthur Williams and August Hardwig.

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Holiday Excursion Tickets, Via Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines. Inquire at office, Seventh and Olive, for particulars.

Judgment Against Empire Hotel.

In Judge Ferriss' division of the circuit court yesterday a judgment of \$5000 was awarded Pannie Yell for the death of her husband, Morris Yell, February last. The judgment is against W. E. Gilman, proprietor of the Empire Hotel, which was located at Beaumont and Olive streets before it burned.

RAYWAY & CO., New York.

ONE CAR STRUCK THREE WAGONS

COLLISIONS IN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

DRIVERS WERE ALL INJURED.

Broadway Trolley Went on a Rampage Yesterday Evening.

Car No. 950 of the Broadway line went on a rampage about 7:30 Friday night. It was in charge of Motorman John Schrier, 3222 South Broadway, and Conductor John Gillaspay, 3737 Ohio avenue. Within a short period of time it collided with three wagons while on the same trip.

Near 2633 South Broadway it ran into a lumber wagon driven by Thomas Sanders, 240 Julia street. In front of this wagon was another driven by Louis Simbers.

Both wagons were owned by the same firm. The drivers were thrown to the street. Sanders was injured about the right side and thigh. Simbers was hurt about the head and left leg. The wagons were considerably damaged.

The car had hardly proceeded a few yards farther north when it ran into a wagon owned by the M. F. & Sons Cigar and Tobacco Co.

E. Fritz, the driver, was thrown out and injured. He refused to be taken to the hospital.

CITY NEWS.

For the convenience of the shopping public the CRAWFORD STORE will serve in their remodeled CAFE, now the most attractive restaurant in the city, a first-class "Table d'hote" dinner from 6 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. on Saturday evening, the 20th; Monday evening, the 22d; Tuesday evening, the 23d, and Wednesday evening, the 24th. Price only 35c.

COLONIAL'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Thomas W. Crouch Elected to Succeed Clark Sampson.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Colonial Trust Co., held Friday, Thomas W. Crouch was elected president, to succeed Clark H. Sampson.

Frank P. Hays was elected first vice-president; Paul A. Foss, second vice-president; Edward A. Lewis, third vice-president; and Edgar D. Tilton, fourth vice-president. It was announced that William Brown, trust officer, would not succeed himself in that office, but will continue to serve the company as a director.

A quarterly dividend of 2 per cent was announced and payable in January.

Oysters and clams, a regular restaurant for all, open day and night. Popular prices. Milford's, 207 North Sixth street.

Made Bequests to Charity.

Mary Kennedy in a will filed yesterday made several bequests to charity. She distributes her estate as follows: \$100 to the Rev. S. F. Hubins for his personal use; \$100 each to her sisters, Sarah Walsh and Ellen Ryan, of Roscoe, Ireland, her brother, Michael Ryan of St. Louis, and her nephew, Lawrence Walsh; \$20 to Anna Harradill; \$100 each to St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, St. Mary's Female Orphan Asylum and the House of the Angel Guardian; \$100 to Frederick W. Plush, and \$10 to her son, John Edward Kennedy; \$2000 to Margaret T. Kennedy, her daughter by her first marriage with Thomas Kennedy. Her daughter is a Sister of Charity in New Orleans, La. Her name in religion is Sister Ernestine. She left the rest of her estate to her daughter, Mary A. Fogarty. The sum of \$150 was left to Rev. D. W. Kendrick of St. Vincent's Church for masses for the souls of herself and Thomas and John Kennedy.

Biggest Sign in the World.

New Yorkers who are used to big things, have been astonished during the past week by a painted sign at the corner of Broadway and Spring street, covering the north side of two 11-story buildings. This sign covers 14,000 square feet of space and is by far the largest advertising sign ever painted. The picture is the well-known figure of "Sunny Jim," who for so many months has testified to the goodness of "Force," not only over the entire United States, but in the United Kingdom as well.

In this picture "Sunny Jim" is 112 feet 6 inches in height. His hat is 12 feet 6 inches tall and 15 feet broad. His nose is 10 feet long. His ear is 3 feet 9 inches high. His arm is 12 feet long; his legs 40 feet long. His thumb extends over a space of 5 feet. The height of his collar is 12 feet 6 inches, and his tie is 7 feet 6 inches in height. His cuffs are 6 feet 3 inches wide. The buttons on the coat are 3 feet 9 inches in diameter, and his cuff buttons are 3 feet 6 inches in length. "Sunny Jim's" feet are 20 feet long, and the cane which carries is 30 feet in length. His dog, which sports along by his side, is 42 feet 6 inches in height. With this enormous sign, the reading matter is very brief and fits but a small part of the space. It is as follows:

"Vigor, Vim, Perfect Trim."

"Force" made him "Sunny Jim."

John Hamilton Arrested. — John Hamilton, a negro, wanted for over two years on an indictment charging him with shooting Abe Thompson, a negro barber of Bridgeton, at Fairmount Park, Aug. 15, 1900, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bellairs of St. Louis County yesterday. Hamilton has been in East St. Louis ever since the shooting which resulted in Thompson's death. Hamilton was wanted on a minor charge. Thompson was deputized by Justice of the Peace Baker of Bridgeton to make the arrest. When he attempted to serve the warrant Hamilton shot him and fled.

Commonwealth Trust Company, Broadway and Olive, St. Louis. Ask for "The Secret of Success."

TO BE TALLEST OF HOTELS

Structure That Western Millionaire Will Erect in New York Will Have Twenty-four Stories.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Plans were completed today for the tallest hotel in the world. It will be built opposite the Waldorf-Astoria at 30-36 West Thirty-third street, extending through to West Thirty-second street.

The fact that the hotel will be another wonder of the world in height was not known until the plans were sent to Mr. O'Shaughnessy. They call for a 24-story structure, although a 20-story building may be constructed from the same plan with entire feasibility.

The next tallest hotel on Manhattan Island will be the projected 20-story Belmont, to be erected on the west side of Park avenue, from Forty-first to Forty-second street.

The only rival in height to the O'Shaughnessy Hotel in the Waldorf-Astoria district will be the projected 20-story La Grande office building to be erected on the southeast corner of Thirty-third street and the boulevard. The president of the company that will erect this building is Mary E. Hanley.

Cabanne Club Minstrels.—A large audience greeted the Cabanne Club

Minstrels at Arcade Hall Friday night. Arthur Lieber was the director and W. V. Walsh intercomer. The first part, minstrel effects by the company, was followed by two sketches and specialties by the "Hurdy Burdy" quartet and Joe Knapp. At the termination of the program a dance was given. The members of the company were: Bones—Harro Bernat, Allet Muller, James Austin, Tansie—Earl Sandusky, Andrew Ar-buckle, Henry Aehle, Chorus—W. G. Westcott, Leville Bay, Adam West, Charles Gillespie, William Groves, Glen

Switchman Severely Injured.—While at work in the yards of the Long Branch Co. yesterday Walter Hart, 30 President street, a switchman, was thrown under a cut of cars by a projection, and his left arm and left thigh were so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate them. He is 22 years old and the attending physician says he cannot live.

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The Matinee Girl at the Play

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE

CALENDAR OF THE NEW YEAR

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